

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Kelly Flynn, on February 21, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Chair (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 434, 2/13/2017; HB 454, 2/13/2017

HEARING ON HB 454

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:32 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 454, Revising the administration of state parks and related recreational programs.

EXHIBIT(fih38a01)

00:03:13 Rep. M. Regier joined the meeting

00:20:16 Rep. B. Brown joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:02 Roger Hagan, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA)

00:25:50 Jim Brown, Citizens for Balanced Use (CBU)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:28:40 Doug Mitchell, Department of Commerce (COM)

00:36:59 Martha Williams, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fih38a02)

00:46:14 Colin Cooney, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

00:47:46 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation and Montana Wildlife Federation (NWF) (MWF)

00:48:51 Rob Bullis, Self

00:51:21 Sam Milodragovich, Skyline Sportsmen Association and Montana Sportsmen Association (MSA)

EXHIBIT(fih38a03)

EXHIBIT(fih38a04)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:48 Rep. Vinton

00:56:09 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:56:25 Rep. Loge

00:56:57 Rep. White

00:57:23 Rep. Court

00:59:08 Paul Sihler, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:59:46 Rep. Loge

01:01:24 Paul Sihler, FWP

01:01:55 Rep. Rosendale

01:03:10 Martha Williams, FWP

01:03:28 Rep. Rosendale

01:03:52 Jim Brown, CBU

01:04:31 Rep. Vinton

01:05:11 Martha Williams, FWP

01:08:22 Hope Stockwell, LSD

01:09:13 Rep. Welch

01:13:29 Martha Williams, FWP

01:14:06 Rep. B. Brown

01:18:04 Martha Williams, FWP

01:18:46 Chair Flynn
 01:20:34 Martha Williams, FWP
 01:21:40 Chair Flynn
 01:22:26 Doug Mitchell, COM
 01:23:16 Martha Williams, FWP
 01:23:32 Rep. Rosendale
 01:24:21 Martha Williams, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:25:44 Rep. White

 01:28:05 Rep. Shaw joined the meeting
 01:30:42 Rep. Court

 01:31:26 Chair Flynn relinquished the Chair to Vice Chair Brown

HEARING ON HB 434

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:34:27 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 434, Create Montana wildlife habitat improvement act.

EXHIBIT(fih38a05)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:45:43 Amber Burch, Montana Weed Control Association (MWCA)
 01:48:16 John Moodry, Butte-Silverbow Weed Coordinator
 01:50:47 Amy Adler, Rosebud County Weed Coordinator
 01:53:03 Scott Dunning, Broadwater County Weed Coordinator
 01:54:20 Martha Williams, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
 01:57:24 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
 01:58:38 Pam Converse, Pondera County Weed Coordinator
 02:02:59 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association and Montana Cattle Women (MSGA) (MCW)
 02:06:15 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
 02:07:44 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
 02:14:23 Jeff Herbert, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)
 02:19:10 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
 02:20:46 Sam Milodragovich, Self
 02:27:43 Colin Cooney, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)
 02:27:58 Rep. Shaw

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:33:35 Dave Burch, Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA)
 02:34:10 John Hagengruber, United States Forest Service (USFS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:34:38 Rep. Loge
 02:35:22 Rep. Flynn

02:36:57 Rep. White
02:37:56 Amber Burch, MWCA
02:40:22 Martha Williams, FWP
02:41:11 John Hagengruber, USFS

Closing by Sponsor:

02:41:47 Rep. Flynn

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:49:45

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih38aad.pdf](#))